

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5398

As of February 6, 2015

Title: An act relating to opening a package of or consuming marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products in public.

Brief Description: Concerning marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in public.

Sponsors: Senators Rivers and Hasegawa; by request of Liquor Control Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/13/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: It is unlawful to consume or open a package containing marijuana or marijuana products in view of the general public. A violation is a class 3 civil infraction, punishable by a fine of \$50, plus applicable local fines.

Summary of Bill: Consuming or opening a package containing marijuana or marijuana products in a public place is prohibited. Public place has the same definition as in liquor control statutes.

Public place generally includes the following: streets, alleys, and roads; public buildings; the halls, lobbies, and dining rooms of hotels, restaurants, and other businesses used by the public; public conveyances; publicly owned beaches, parks, and playgrounds; and, all other places where the general public has unrestricted right of access, and which are generally used by the public.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: The preliminary note is available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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